

areas are not going to have the political clout to get the services that they want. Don't think that it will be very long before they are not going to insist upon water, sewage, et cetera. I have lived in the country all my life and I know very well that septic tanks and home dug wells become a very expensive luxury for an individual who lives in the country, and if you can tack onto the city system, it won't be very long and you will, and there are going to be 150,000 people in downtown Lincoln who are going to be tapped to provide the services for those very wealthy people who will live in those very ritzy suburbs and that is exactly what is going to happen in Omaha. As I said earlier, I sat on the bill for a year and discussed it on the floor a number of times. I am opposed to the entire concept but the one thing I do not want to happen is for anyone to believe for one minute that this bill protects farmland. It does not protect farmland. It increases the rate of growth. It will increase the cost of services and eventually will result in more farmland being used for this type of residential construction than would otherwise be taken, but there isn't any point in my belaboring the issue any longer. The record will be clear. The time will come, I am sure, when I will be proven right. Unfortunately, as I said earlier, it may well be too late, but it does not protect farmland. It does increase the cost of services. It does increase the cost of homebuilding. It increases all costs, and as I said before, when they have to pedal in from those areas, they are going to wish they were living in an apartment house on 10th and O.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely and then Senator Burrows. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I will just be very brief. Senator Schmit raised some concerns that he has and I know that this is not unusual concerns because this is an important issue but I would just like to emphasize once again the strong support for this legislation in Lincoln and Omaha, which are the two areas that this bill affects. In Lincoln in particular, this bill is basically an effort to emphasize local control because both the county board and city council in Lincoln support this legislation. They support it strongly. They want to see this bill passed because they believe it does answer the problems we have concerning urban sprawl in Lancaster County. The feeling is that perhaps this is the best way to deal with that situation and your support is certainly encouraged. We are dealing with urban sprawl. We are dealing with local control. We are dealing with uniformity. This bill meets those criteria and deals with